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LOCAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN NOVEMBER

For the past two years, The Alabama College System has mounted a nationally acclaimed professional development effort evaluated among the best in the country. The impetus behind that new emphasis was an annual special allocation from the Alabama Legislature.

By now, we are all painfully aware that Alabama education is facing a budget catastrophe that has resulted in a decrease of over 13 percent in System funds for 1986-87. This decrease now will be compounded by a proration of six to ten percent of those already decreased funds, according to a recent announcement by the Governor. In fact, we may be facing the worse budget year in System history.

The special allocation for professional development was one of the victims of the budget cuts. While the Alabama Legislature demonstrated its high esteem and value for the effort by making it a "conditional appropriation" rather than deleting it, the likelihood of receiving any funds is remote.

But the funding for professional development did not simply magically appear in the first place. It resulted primarily from two very significant trends. First, there is a continuing, growing recognition by the public and its leaders that this system is the key to Alabama's economic future. We are by mission and design the State's most responsive educational agencies to technological, economic, and social change. Furthermore, our System educates the technicians who are the core of the new Information Economy and without whom Alabama will never join the economic thrust upon which the rest of the nation has embarked. To lead Alabama into a full economic partnership will require our System to maintain an unsurpassed commitment to professional development. Alabama business and industry cannot develop effectively and new industry cannot be effectively recruited unless our faculty and staff are permitted to stay abreast of new knowledge and techniques and to provide leadership in community economic development.

The second major trend comes from within the faculty and staff. System faculty and staff are evolving a new vision of professionalism. A growing majority no longer accept as

sufficient the traditional standard of effectively transmitting what they had learned through education and work experience. They now believe, in addition to this traditional standard, that content must incorporate the latest knowledge and techniques and that methods must be enhanced to reflect new research on learning and to assure relevance for new student clienteles. They further believe that leadership in intellectual, technical, and social context is a legitimate expectation of faculty and staff for community development. They demand to be leaders and should not have to settle for being less. This new vision of professionalism is the perfect complement to the increased public expectation of System leadership in building Alabama's future.

For these reasons and many others, the System must maintain a strong commitment to professional development despite inadequate funds. Chancellor Charles L. Payne has again dedicated three days in November and three days in April to professional development. Because funds are inadequate, this effort must be limited to local college-sponsored services, or to coalitions of colleges in close proximity.

The plans for November will be finalized at each college this month. Although fiscal constraints will require special creativity, the System now has the experience to design services of high quality and value. As a result of our two-year project, hundreds of faculty and staff gained invaluable experience as state leaders, every college sponsored scores of local services, and relationships with local business and industry were greatly enhanced. The foundation has been laid, and the challenge now faces us.

The Professional Development Task Force wishes to thank the hundreds who supported and led this nationally acclaimed effort and to encourage everyone to offer ideas and assistance in the development and implementation of local services in November. Despite inadequate funds, we must succeed in our commitment in professional development. To a degree, the future of this system and of the State of Alabama depends on it.

ALABAMA COLLEGE SYSTEM ACTS TO COMPENSATE FOR FUNDING SHORTFALL

Unprecedented reductions in state funding have necessitated implementation of fiscal austerity plans at each of our institutions to compensate for a reduction of over \$30 million in state funding. Careful monitoring of the financial conditions of the Special Educational Trust Fund has been complemented by advance planning in an effort to ensure continuation of our commitment to quality educational programs during this time of financial crisis.

Though the statewide media has provided periodic reports on the impact of proration and reduced legislative appropriations on individual institutions within our system of colleges, a systemwide perspective is vital to a complete understanding of The Alabama College System's response to this dramatic reduction in funding.

As early as January 30, 1986, The State Board of Education received a fiscal austerity resolution, which directed each two-year college president to develop austerity plans within 30 days to address the period February 1, 1986-September 30, 1987. The resolution called for the reduction of costs through maximum utilization of current full-time employees (including administrators, faculty and support personnel), restraint on all promotions resulting in additional costs and deferment of new instructional programs lacking sufficient external financial support.

The resolution was deemed necessary for two important reasons. The 1986-87 legislative appropriation to The Alabama College System fell \$17.4 million short of the current year's appropriation. In addition, anticipated proration of the system's 1985-86 budget, which was ultimately declared by the Governor on July 1, further reduced our state allocation by \$6.5 million.

Proration will also affect the system's 1986-87 reduced budget. The State Finance Department has projected 6 to 10 percent proration as of October 1, which will mean an additional \$6.7 to \$11.2 million shortfall in funding. Two years' proration and the reduced legislative appropriation will cost the system more than \$30 million.

Proration will have a greater impact on the 1986-87 budget than is represented by these figures. For example, salaries alone currently average 98 percent of the system's unprorated appropriation, step-rank raises scheduled to go into effect September 1 for all salaried employees will cost approximately \$1.3 million and projections of increased fall enrollments will further strain our lean allocations.

As the state's financial condition has worsened over the past few months, each college's fiscal austerity plan has gone into effect. Numerous actions -- with personnel lay-offs being the last resort -- have been taken to conserve funds.

At its August 14 meeting, the State Board of Education approved implementation of three additional measures to help offset the system's severe funding reductions. These measures are cited below:

1. Each two-year college will be required to submit 1986-87 budgets to the Chancellor's Office on August 22, 1986. No budget will be accepted with a deficit balance and each budget must reflect realistic revenues based upon the State Finance Department's projections.
2. Expanded prison education programs funded with State funds will be temporarily discontinued until additional funding for these programs is obtained.
3. Effective winter quarter, the Alabama College System's tuition rate will be increased from \$150 to \$200 per quarter and Athens State College's tuition will be increased from \$20 to \$24 per credit hour. Out-of-state tuition, currently twice the rate for Alabama residents, will increase from \$300 to \$350.

By prudently implementing these and other cost effective strategies, The Alabama College System has acted responsibly in this time of financial crisis. The system stands ready to meet every budget challenge. We will continue to be fiscally responsible while remaining responsive to the citizens of Alabama in providing quality programs of instruction.

OUT-OF-STATE TUITION RECIROCITY AGREEMENT

Dr. Charles L. Payne, chancellor of The Alabama College System (right), and Dr. Kenneth H. Breeden, executive director of Georgia Postsecondary Vocational Institutions, answered reporters' questions during a press conference following the signing of an out-of-state tuition reciprocity agreement. The agreement, which was signed May 9 at Chattahoochee Valley State Community College, exempts current and former students of Alabama's two-year colleges from out-of-state tuition at Georgia's postsecondary vocational institutions beginning summer quarter 1986. Students taking advantage of the tuition waiver will be admitted on a space available basis and will be subject to in-state tuition rates.



ECONOMIC OFFICE INITIATES SURVEY OF DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs has begun work on a project that eventually will lead to the release of a **Directory of Alabama Economic Development Organizations**.

The primary objective of the directory is to provide both public and private development organizations with a research tool listing the Alabama agencies involved with attracting, promoting, and advancing business and trade.

A survey form will be used to solicit input from elected officials, chambers of commerce, and city, county and regional entities. A number of businesses have been contacted through their journals and newsletters, and have been asked to contact ADECA if they would like to participate in the directory.

"Over the years that I have been associated with economic development in Alabama, I have had to consult various directories for names and organizations of which I needed to make contact. This directory will solve that problem, but more important, I believe this directory will enable us to find out which organizations are working in economic development and which municipality, county, or region they are representing. I hope it will become the instrument by which all those involved in the State's economic

development process will become knowledgeable of the other's office, resources, and work," Bill Rushton, Director of ADECA, said.

All the contact person has to do is provide his/her name, title, organization, address, city, state, telephone number, when the agency was founded, what type of economic development organization he/she is associated with and return the form to ADECA.

Over 60 types of economic development organizations are identified on the survey form. Some of the more common terms associated with the development organizations include the following: agriculture, airport development, numerous types of authorities, city and county development, forestry, industrial and economic development, international trade, planning, rural development, small business, tourism, and waterway development.

According to Rushton, the project will probably take about four-to-six months, depending on the response of the organizations contacted and the amount of work involved in getting the information into the computer.

Anyone interested in being listed in the directory should contact ADECA, P.O. Box 2939, Montgomery, Alabama 36105 or call (205) 284-8910 to obtain a copy of the survey form.

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER TO OPEN THIS FALL

The Alabama College System's Applied Technology Resource Center, designed to enrich the system's Training for Industry and high technology training programs, will be fully operational by fall quarter.

The Center, initially developed through the system's Curricula Development Project and extensive existing resources of the Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute (AIDT), has been greatly expanded through a grant from the Department of Postsecondary Education.

Through the Center, technical college personnel will be able to preview materials on the latest industrial technology, with loans of selected non-print materials available. More than 5,000 films, slide-tape and video programs and texts include such high-tech subject areas as programmable logic controllers and robotics.

An annotated catalog providing information about available materials will be distributed to each college. The catalog will also be accessible via a Resource Center computer. The catalog's format will allow new holdings to be added as they are acquired.

The Center will be located at AIDT's offices in Montgomery.



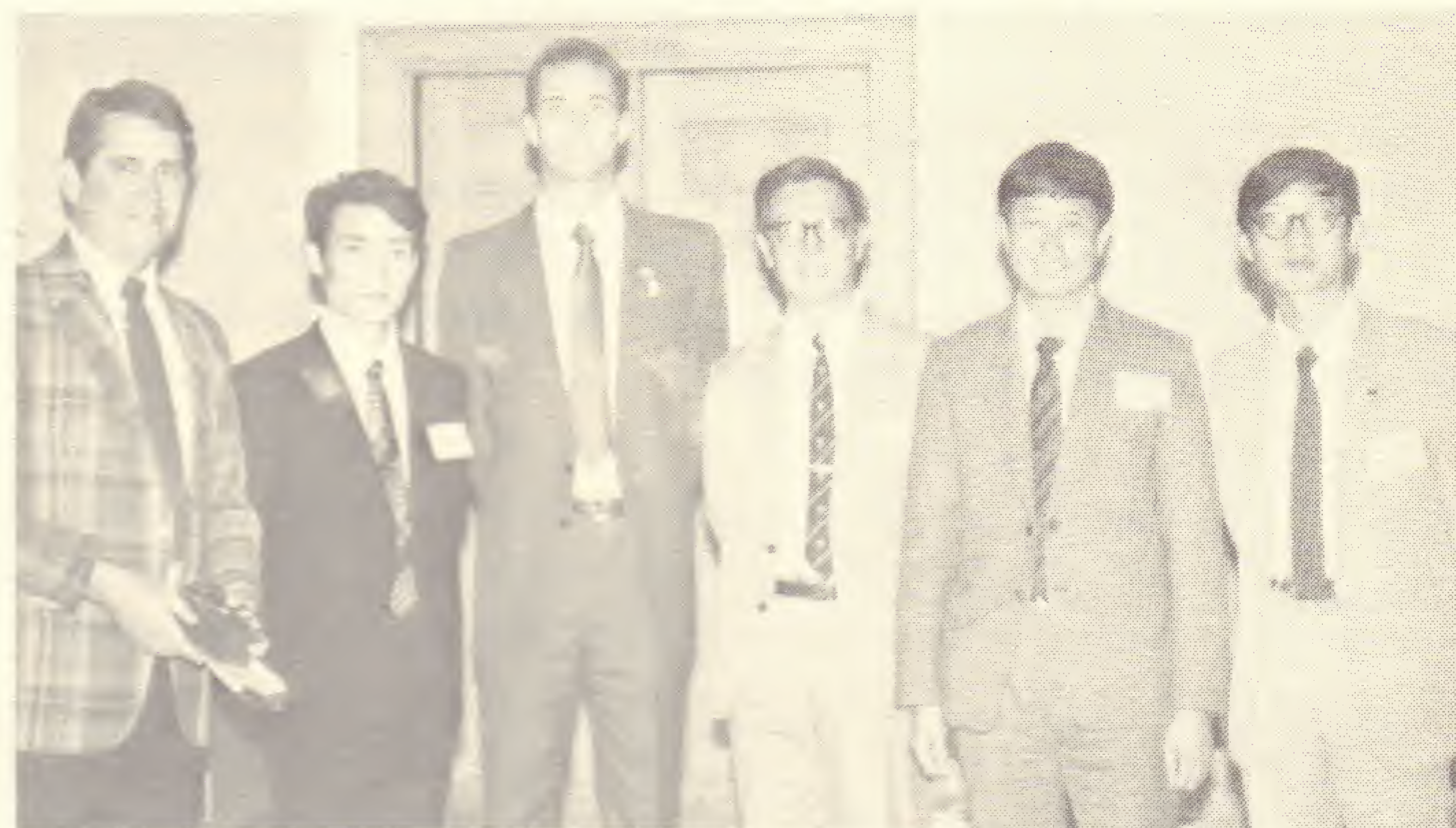
A committee of six state junior college representatives recently met at Knox Hall with Department of Postsecondary Education Instructional division staff members to work on the development of guidelines for training for business programs in The Alabama College System's junior colleges. The committee, which was established by Dr. Charles L. Payne, chancellor of The Alabama College System, is chaired by Chip Lipscomb of the Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute (AIDT).

CHINA COMES TO JEFFERSON DAVIS COLLEGE

A delegation of Chinese dignitaries recently visited the Jeff Davis campus. Members of the delegation were Zhou Chunhua, deputy director of Hubei Provincial Education Commission and vice chairman of Hubei Provincial Education for International Exchange; Zu Zhanghuang, president of Hubei University; Peng Daofu, deputy chief of Foreign Affairs Office of the Commission and deputy secretary-general of the association; and Qi Pinwei, interpreter.

While in the United States, the delegation visited Ball State University, Ohio State University, Indiana State University, the University of Alabama at Huntsville, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Auburn University, in an effort to recruit students for foreign exchange.

The dignitaries were invited by Dr. McCormick to visit Jeff Davis when he met them while on his trip to China last fall.



Dr. McCormick, left, poses with Daofu, Jeff Davis student Mike Barrett, Zhanghuang, Chunhua and Pinwei.

NCCR DISTRICT II CONFERENCE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 16-17

The District II Conference, National Council on Community Relations, will be held at the Mountain Brook Inn on October 16-17. NCCR is an organization created precisely to focus on the responsibilities of communicators in two-year colleges. An AACJC affiliate, NCCR sponsors a national conference each spring. This will be the first year for a District II (Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky) conference. Lucy Kubiszyn, director of public relations for Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, is District II director.

The registration fee for the two-day conference is \$75.00 for NCCR members and \$90.00 for non members. There is a \$5.00 discount for the second conference participant from the same institution. The conference will open on Wednesday, October 15, with a reception sponsored by Ebsco Media.


Areas covered in the conference include Public Relations Planning, Recruitment strategies, Effective Alumni Relations, marketing, designing and implementing good graphic design. In addition an awards luncheon will be held as part of the conference. Former All-SEC quarterback from the University of Alabama, Steadman Shealy, will be the guest speaker. The luncheon will also recognize the recipients of the Communicator and Pacesetter awards. The Communicator of the Year award for District II will recognize the outstanding communicator from our district. The Pacesetter Award will be given to the CEO, president, or other person of authority who has contributed the most to the communication process in our schools.

For more information on the conference or NCCR, contact Lucy Kubiszyn at Shelton State, 759-1541.

IMPACT BROCHURE WINS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Winners of the 12th Annual Lantern Awards competition sponsored by the Southern Public Relations Federation (SPRF) were recognized at the 1986 SPRF Conference held recently in New Orleans, La. Julie DeBardelaben, coordinator of public information, Department of Postsecondary Education, accepted an Award of Excellence for the department's impact brochure, "Building Alabama's Future." Some 187 entries were submitted by SPRF members for awards in 16 categories.

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SENIOR CITIZENS TO RECEIVE FREE TUITION AT STATE TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

Senior citizens may take advantage of free tuition for college credit courses at state two-year colleges beginning winter quarter 1985-86.

The State Board of Education approved waiving of tuition fees for students 60 years of age or older at its December 12 Board meeting. The Senior Adult Scholarship Program covers tuition for credit courses in which space is available.

Seven state boards of education and 23 state legislatures have approved similar scholarships in other states.

The scholarship program will broaden state two-year colleges' mission of providing quality educational opportunities for all Alabamians and will further enhance the two-year system's numerous enrollment initiatives, which recently resulted in a 7 percent enrollment increase.

The State Board of Education has emphasized increased services for students and enrollment initiatives, said John Tyson Jr., board vice president. The Board recently approved a resolution directing state two-year colleges to develop annual enrollment management plans. Each institution's written plan must include identification of various constituencies, a profile of prospective students'

characteristics and needs, a presentation of programs and services to meet those needs and strategies for communicating the availability and value of services.

Comprehensive recommendations for the two-year college system made by the task force on Retention, Partnerships for Excellence and Articulation have guided the system's enrollment initiatives, said Tyson. The reports, which were prepared by representatives of business, industry, government and educational leaders, provides suggestions for an effective retention program and strategies for strengthening linkages between two-year colleges, high schools and senior institutions.

State two-year colleges' nationally-recognized professional development plan has provided another vital boost for enrollment, he said. Comprehensive statewide workshops for all system personnel, including admissions officers and counselors, and a major enrollment management conference held in February 1985 have increased the scope and nature of two-year colleges' successful recruitment and retention efforts.

GSCC SELECTED AS BASE OF OPERATION FOR RURAL CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Gadsden State Community College has been selected by the Alabama State Council on the Arts and Humanities as the base of operation for a pilot program entitled Rural Cultural Development.

ASCAH, in conjunction with the Alabama Development Office has initiated this program to recognize and preserve the strong rural orientation of the State. Some of Alabama's richest cultural resources lie in and come out of its rural environment. The rich expressions of rural life, as reflected through music, dance, visual arts, crafts, literature and folk tales, provide major statements of the State's rural heritage.

With this philosophy as a basis, ASCAH has initiated the Rural Cultural Development Program. The program addresses the needs of rural arts which have relevance to and a positive impact on economic development, tourism, education and overall community development.

The goals of the Rural, Cultural Development program will be: enhance cooperation, communication, participation and public awareness relative to the arts in rural Alabama; put in place a catalyst for on-going planning and programming in the arts in rural areas; to establish and maintain a diversified human and financial support base for rural arts activities.

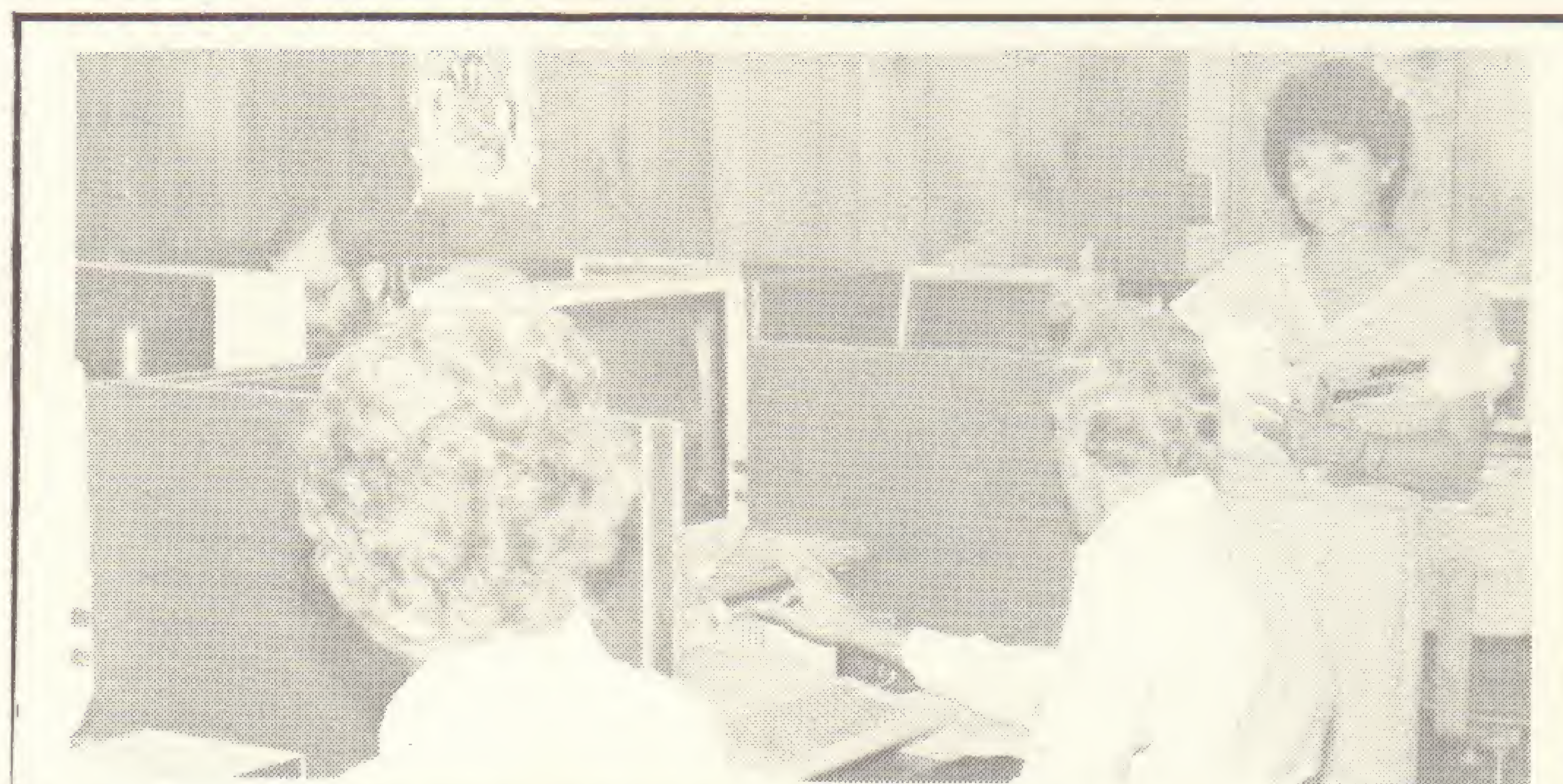
The Northeast region of the State was selected as the location for implementation in this pilot year. The counties included are Etowah, Cherokee, Dekalb, Marshall, Blount, St. Clair, Calhoun and Cleburn.

According to Robert W. Howard, President of Gadsden State Community College, "The counties to be included in this program form the service area for Gadsden State. Therefore we are honored to be selected as the base of operation for the program. We are committed at Gadsden State to the

concept of the program and realize the importance of its success for Northeast Alabama."

Gadsden State will provide office space and furniture, telephone service, clerical assistance and meeting room facilities.

Funding for the program is being provided by the Alabama Development Office and the Alabama State Council on the Arts and Humanities.



Dr. Marcia Burke (standing) conducted a workshop in August on computer assisted instruction for the faculty on the Gadsden State Junior College campus of Gadsden State Community College. Dr. Burke's presentation was aimed toward instructors who are not familiar with the microcomputer and its use as an aid to instruction.

Dr. Burke is the computer education teacher with the Tuscaloosa School System. She is also a consultant with the University of Alabama Center in Gadsden and with the Continuing Education Department with the University in Tuscaloosa.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Members of the Advanced Placement Committee (AP) recently met at Knox Hall to develop a statewide policy regarding the acceptance of AP courses for equivalent college credit in state two-year colleges. The members of the committee are Dr. Susan Parker, Calhoun State Community College (front row, left); Dr. Marilyn Beck, Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College; Dr. Jonita Haynes, Huntsville City Board of Education; Mary McKinnon, Jefferson County Board of Education; Dr. Joanne Jordan, Southern Union State Junior College (back row, left); Marsha Johnson, Program for Exceptional Children and Youth; Glen Maze, Snead State Junior College; and Dr. Linda Wilson, executive assistant to the chancellor.



Dr. Evelyn Pratt, District VIII State Board of Education member, congratulates Dr. James B. Allen Jr., District VII board member, who was recognized at the April board meeting for the outstanding leadership he has provided to The Alabama College System during his six years of service. The meeting, which was held in Dr. Allen's hometown of Gadsden, was followed by a reception held in his honor.

NEW TWO-YEAR COLLEGE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON HIGH TECHNOLOGY CAREER SUCCESS

Helping students become better prepared to succeed in high-technology college courses is the objective of a new two-year college program to be introduced this fall.

The 2+2 Tech Prep/Associate Degree Program links two-year colleges' advanced technical programs with basic programs of study that will be offered during the last two years of high school (hence 2+2). The program is designed to help students make a smooth transition from high school to college without experiencing delays, duplication of course work or loss of credit. In addition, the program will better prepare students for successful entry into highly specialized technical fields by providing them with a four year program of continuous instruction that emphasizes strong academic courses and mastery of theory, as well as technical skills. Ultimately, 2+2 will provide technical college graduates with advanced skills and knowledge far beyond what is now being achieved through traditional methods of study.

A 2+2 program in electronic technology occupations will be pilot tested this fall for one year at Calhoun State Community College, Drake State Technical College and Muscle Shoals State Technical College. Six feeder high schools — Jackson County Area Vocational Center (AVC), Huntsville City System, Brewer AVC, Muscle Shoals AVC, Lawrence County AVC and Russellville City High School — will also offer the program. The pilot project is expected to serve approximately 300 high school students and over 200 two-year college students.

Advanced junior and senior level high school students who are eligible to participate in the tech prep pilot program will concentrate on developing a strong background in science and math, as well as specialized technical skills. At the postsecondary level students will focus on applied physics technology and advanced technical skills.

With assistance from the Department of Postsecondary Education, high school and two-year college instructors who are involved in the pilot project have worked throughout the summer to coordinate curricula, acquire equipment and design an implementation plan. The instructors have also participated in intensive training programs conducted by nationally-recognized experts, including the Center for Occupational Research and Development of Waco, Texas, creators of the 2+2 program. Quarterly meetings will be conducted during the year by participating schools to assess progress and to assure good communications.

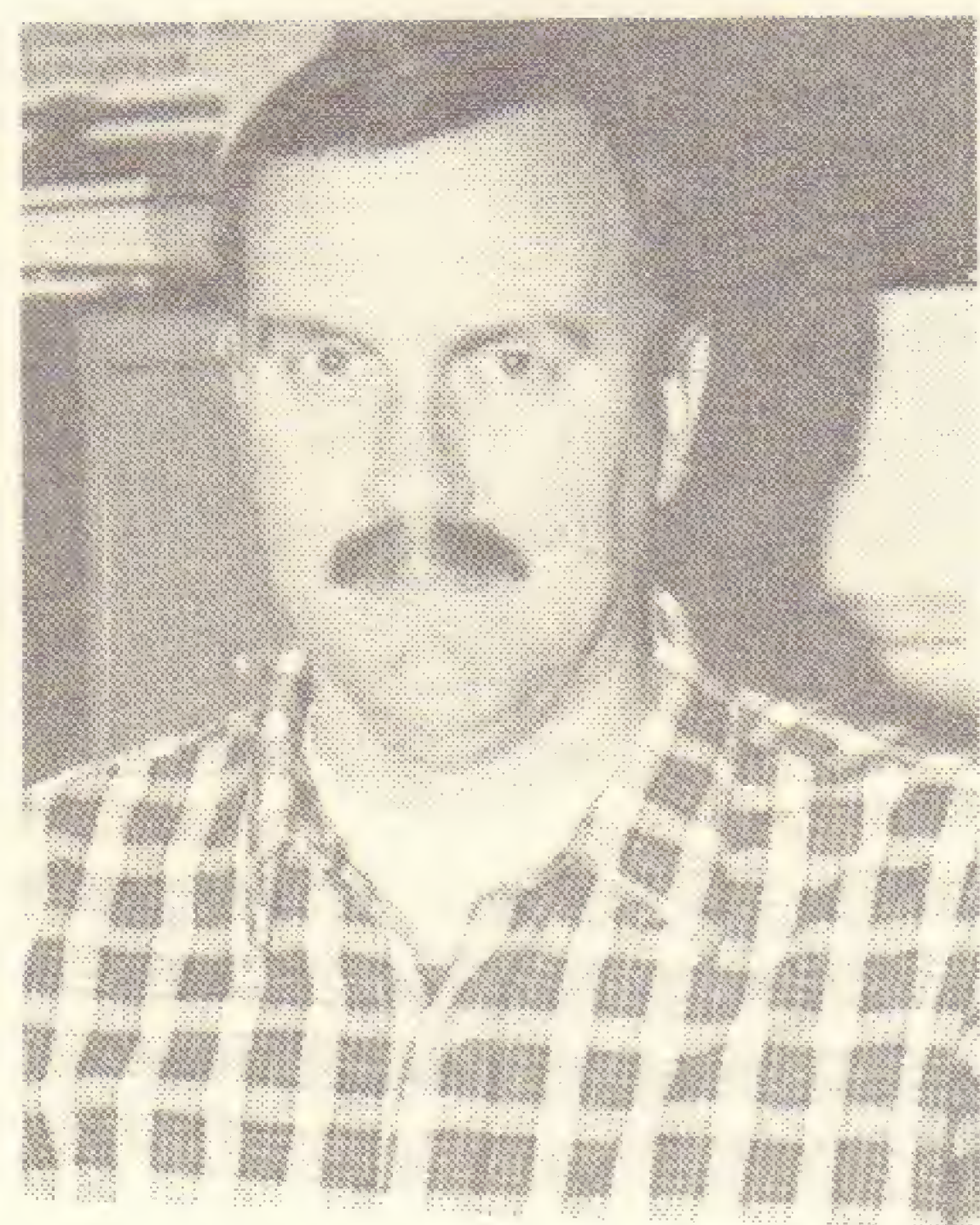
Long range plans for the program call for expansion to most Alabama area vocational schools and two-year technical colleges, with the curricula touching all advanced technology careers. The program will meet the needs of students who currently enroll in general and occupational instructional programs, which is presently the course of study for 66 percent of high school students nationwide.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE AT JEFFERSON STATE

Keeping up-to-date in job skills is vital to productivity and progress in business. Jefferson State's BPI program helps businesses give employees professional development skills with instruction and hands-on training, either on campus or at the work site.

The Business and Professional Institute has IBM Personal Computers for special short courses concerning: Introduction to the Personal Computer; Database II, III; Lotus 1-2-3; and Word Processing. There are professional seminars, continuing education workshops, job training programs and college courses in business, health care, technology, computer science, and human services on campus or at a worksite. Some programs carry college credit while others will carry Continuing Education credits.

Contact Pat Wallace at Jefferson State, 853-1200 ext. 1529 for more information.



Dr. Brian J. Armitage holds a joint appointment in Biology and Computer Science at Athens State College.

This past summer was especially packed with activities. Returning from professional development meetings in late May (North American Benthological Society meeting in Lawrence, Kansas), he completed his professional duties for the quarter and began packing for Costa Rica. Dr. Armitage was part of a three man contingent working on a National Science Foundation grant concentrating on a group of aquatic insects commonly called caddisflies.

The result of the research in Costa Rica will be a series of publications and collections which can be used as baseline information for future environmental assessment and systematic research.

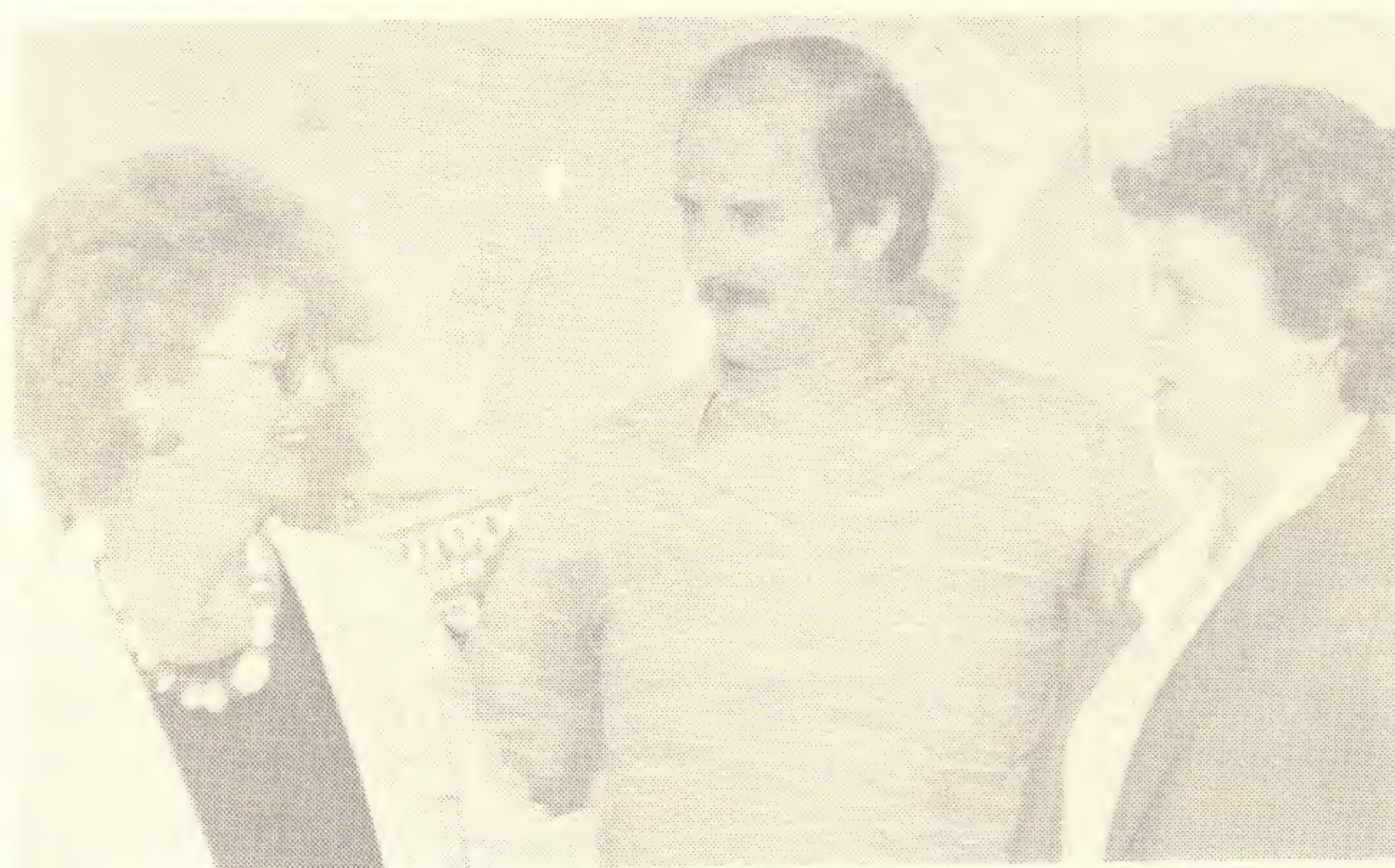
Dr. Armitage also attended the Fifth International Symposium on Trichoptera in France, where he conferred with colleagues from over 20 countries, including the People's Republic of China.

After one day of washing clothes and repacking, Dr. Armitage was driving west toward the Rocky Mountains. This time his destination was the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory at Gothic, Colorado where he would spend most of August conducting research of caddisflies.



ESJC HOSTS WORKSHOP

Junior, community and technical college business office personnel from across the state met at Enterprise State Junior College recently for a Department of Postsecondary Education Lotus 1-2-3 Workshop. Betty Cowden, director of computer services at ESJC, directed the workshop. Shown at the workshop are (seated, from left) Hilda Goodson, Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College, Andalusia; Peggy Ryan, Faulkner State Junior College, Bay Minette; Glen Moultrie, Bishop State Junior College, Mobile; (standing) Cowden; Al Baggott, Atmore State Technical Institute; and Jerry Weeks, Jefferson Davis State Junior College, Brewton.

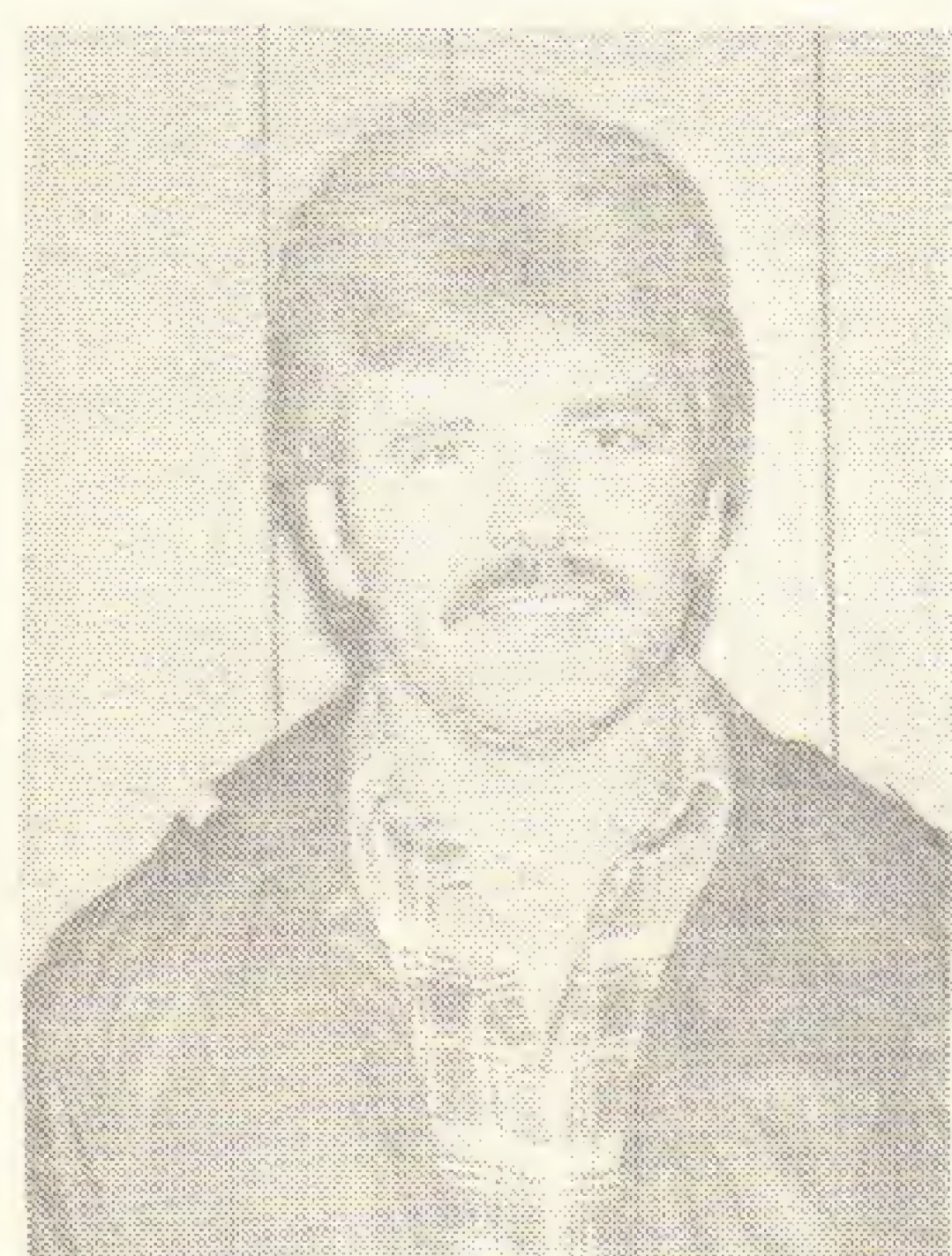


DISCUSS WRITING

Dr. Betty Kennedy, assistant superintendent of Ozark City Schools, discusses new methods of teaching writing during a two-day seminar at Wallace College in Dothan. Some 75 teachers from K-12 attended the Third Annual Wiregrass Conference on the Teaching of Writing. Left to right are Dr. Kennedy; Dr. Dan Kirby of the University of Georgia, featured speaker for the seminar; and Dr. Imogene Mixson, academic dean at Wallace College. (Wallace College Photo)

ALABAMA COLLEGE SYSTEM PERSONNEL ADVANCING

Dr. Mildred Caudle, chairperson of Humanities and Social Science at Athens State College, has completed two months of study in Florence, Italy under a National Endowment for the Humanities grant. She was enrolled for four humanities courses in the Florida State University Summer Program. Her activity represented the faculty development phase of a two-year grant from NEH for the development of two integrated humanities courses, Landmarks in Civilization.



Larry Webb, instructor in the Welding Technology Program on the Alabama Technical College Campus, recently passed the test for classification as a Certified Welding Inspector. Currently there are only about 4,000 C.W.I.s in the United States. Webb is among only three welding instructors in the State Community College system to be recognized as a Certified Welding Inspector.

C.W.I.'s are authorized to qualify and certify welders and welding procedures. They are also the professionals responsible for inspecting and testing welds in all types of industrial settings. Their stamp of approval is the guarantee of a quality welding job.

Webb became interested in seeking C.W.I. credentials through the Professional Development Workshops sponsored by the Department of Postsecondary Education in Montgomery. He has been studying for the certification examination for almost a year.

The Certified Welding Inspector training program is offered through the American Welding Society, which is the governing body for the welding profession.

Webb has been at ATC since 1983.

The Jefferson State Pi Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honorary society for two year colleges, recently was named one of the top ten chapters in the nation. The Pi Pi Chapter was awarded three full scholarships at the 1986 Phi Theta Kappa convention in Philadelphia to the 1986 Summer Honors Institute.

Jefferson State's Phi Theta Kappa President, sophomore Ginger Davis from Center Point, was named to the national Phi Theta Kappa Hall of Honor. Sponsor Dr. Jo Marshall was named a Phi Theta Kappa Fellow and both Dr. Marshall and co-sponsor Dr. Janice Roberts were recognized as "Top Ten" sponsors. Dr. Marshall has worked as PTK sponsor at Jefferson State for many years; Dr. Roberts began as PTK co-sponsor in 1985.

Dean of Students at Jefferson Davis State College, Joseph P. Davis, was named Outstanding Linkage Coordinator for the Regional Technical Institute in Birmingham, Al.

Davis was awarded a gold plaque and received special recognition at the annual Linkage Coordinator Conference held in Birmingham.

"It's a fabulous program," said Davis. "Students can enroll at Jeff Davis and take one full year of liberal arts. After the year is up, they may apply for admission to the RTI program."

Four students from Jeff Davis participating in the program this fall are Carol Mock, Lisa Downing, Sandra Kirby, and Andrea Jernigan.



Front row: Carol Mock, Lisa Downing, Sandra Kirby, Andrea Jernigan. Back row: Joseph P. Davis, Dean of Students, and Dr. George McCormick, President.

At the April meeting of the Alabama Section of the American Chemical Society Dr. Paula Ballard, chemistry instructor at Jefferson State, was chosen to serve as Chair-Elect of the organization. During the coming year her duties will include planning the programs for the local Section meetings. She will serve as Chair beginning in May, 1987.

The Alabama Section, one of the four ACS state locals, was founded in 1913 and covers central Alabama north to Huntsville and south to below Tuscaloosa. Membership is for all professional chemists. The sections offer lectures on scientific and other subjects of interest to their members, arrange field trips and social events, and sponsor awards. They arrange forms of continuing education for members and organize events for high school teachers and students of chemistry. They publish newsletters and implement national programs of the Society at the local level.

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) which represents more than 32,000 firms, including 8,400 of America's leading general contracting companies, named Mr. Gordon Thomason, the winner of the 1985 Outstanding Vocational Educator Awards Program.

Thomason is an instructor at Bessemer State Technical College where he teaches vocational education in the Building Construction Department. He received this prestigious award for his direction and incentive in helping students meet this country's future construction needs. Thomason assisted in the design and development of the Associated General Contractors Apprenticeship Program for carpenters and presently serves as the manpower and training coordinator of that program. He also developed an industrial linkage program with Alabama AGC. Thomason graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science in education from Athens State College and he received a masters from the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Dr. Harry M. Joiner, professor of political science at Athens State College, has just completed his sixth social science text. ALABAMA THEN AND NOW is a basic text for students in the ninth-grade Alabama history class. This is a basic revision of a text that is used in more than 35 school systems around the state. Dr. Joiner has increased his treatment of Alabama's geography, the Indians, and the Civil War. ALABAMA THEN AND NOW also has many chapters on contemporary Alabama, such as the economy, legislature, courts, and local government.

He has also received a research grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation. His topic, "Alabama and the U.S. Supreme Court," will examine cases from Alabama that

have been decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. Dr. Joiner will conduct workshops for social science teachers in Huntsville, Decatur, Florence, Cullman, and Athens. A copy of his research will be sent to social science teachers in every school system around the state. Next spring, Dr. Joiner will present a paper on "Alabama and the U.S. Supreme Court" to the Alabama Political Science Association as well as the Association of Alabama Historians.

Maurice Lind, instructor in technology at Jefferson State, attended the S.P.C. (Statistical Quality Control) Workshop on April 21-25 and May 12-16 at Calhoun Community College, Decatur, Alabama. Faculty members learned how to teach industry leaders a cost saving quality control method called Statistical Process Control which allows a business to determine a product's quality level before it is made.

Hobson State Technical College's newest instructional building will be named in honor of State Board of Education Vice President John M. Tyson Jr. A resolution recommending the facility be named the "John M. Tyson Jr. Instructional Center" was unanimously approved by the Board at its June 26 meeting.

Tyson has represented Hobson State and four other state two-year colleges located in District I since 1980.

The instructional center was constructed in 1984, says Jones. The 10,000 square-foot two-story facility houses industrial electronics, air conditioning/refrigeration and basic skills programs.

ALABAMA COLLEGE STUDENTS ON THE MOVE



Joey Weaver
Girls' Softball Coach

Construction on a \$100,000 girls' softball complex at Jefferson Davis State Junior College has begun after gifts totaling \$35,000 were given to the college by Jeff Davis student Cindy Finlay Jordan and her mother, Mrs. William A. Finlay of Flomaton. The softball complex has been made possible by numerous private donations and through the assistance of Governor George Wallace.

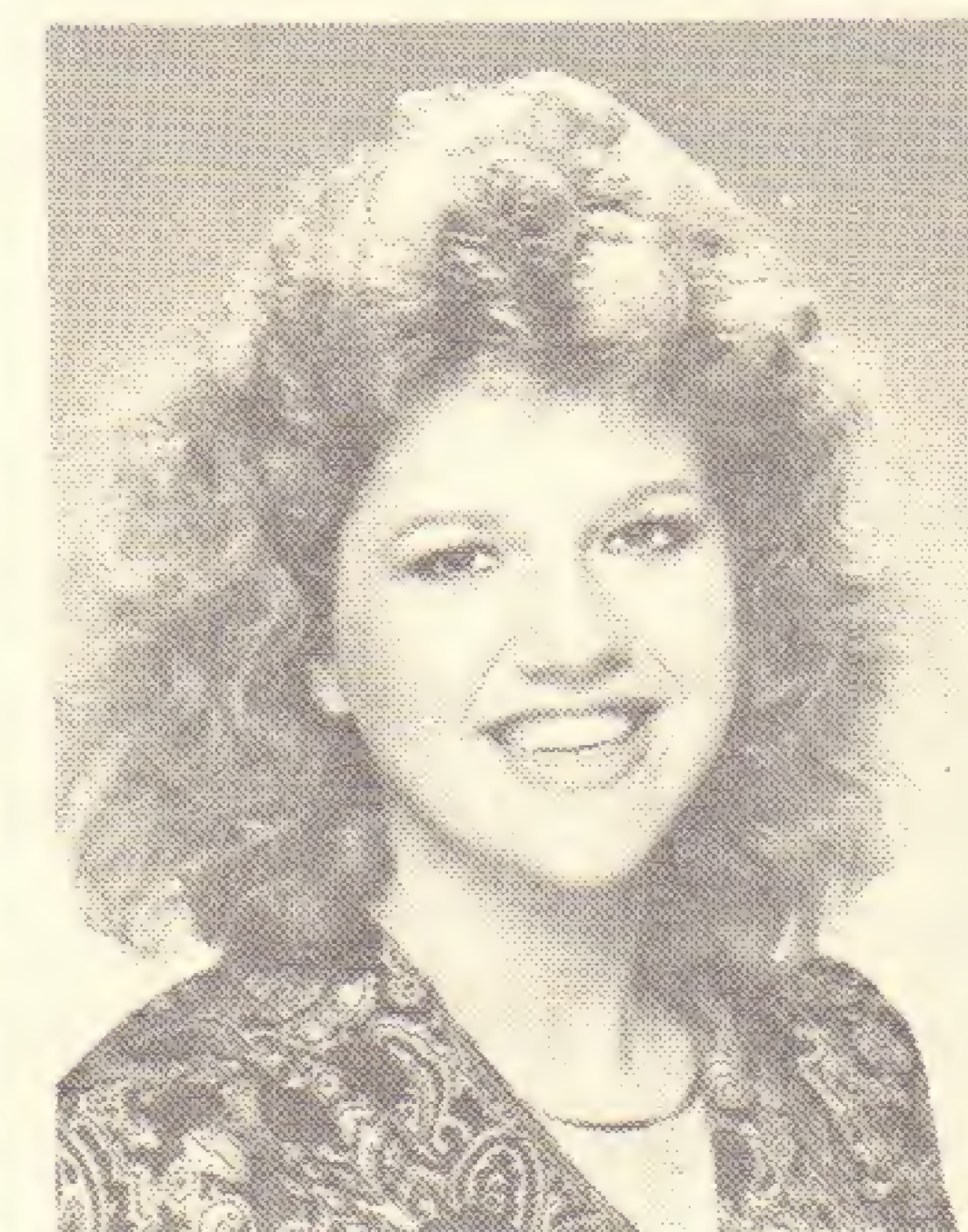
The Alabama State Board of Education approved the gifts for the construction of the "William A. Finlay Softball Field."

"We think we'll have one of the finest ladies softball facilities in the state and maybe one of the finest in the United States," said Dr. George McCormick. Jefferson Davis will begin its first girls softball team this upcoming school year, Joey Weaver will be head coach and to this date he has signed 16 girls to his squad.

Charlotte Henderson, a recent graduate of Jeff Davis, has been selected to attend the Boston Conservatory of Music in Boston, Mass.

In Boston, Miss Henderson will be a student of Blair McClosky, who received the music degree from the New England Conservatory of Music with further study in Germany and Italy. He has performed in major cities across the United States, Europe and Africa, with solo appearances with the Boston Symphony, New York Philharmonic, and others.

While at Jeff Davis, Miss Henderson studied voice under Mrs. Patricia Howell, a former student of McClosky. At Jeff Davis, Miss Henderson has been active in the concert choir, J.D. Jazz and Phi Theta Kappa.



CHANCELLOR'S PERSPECTIVE

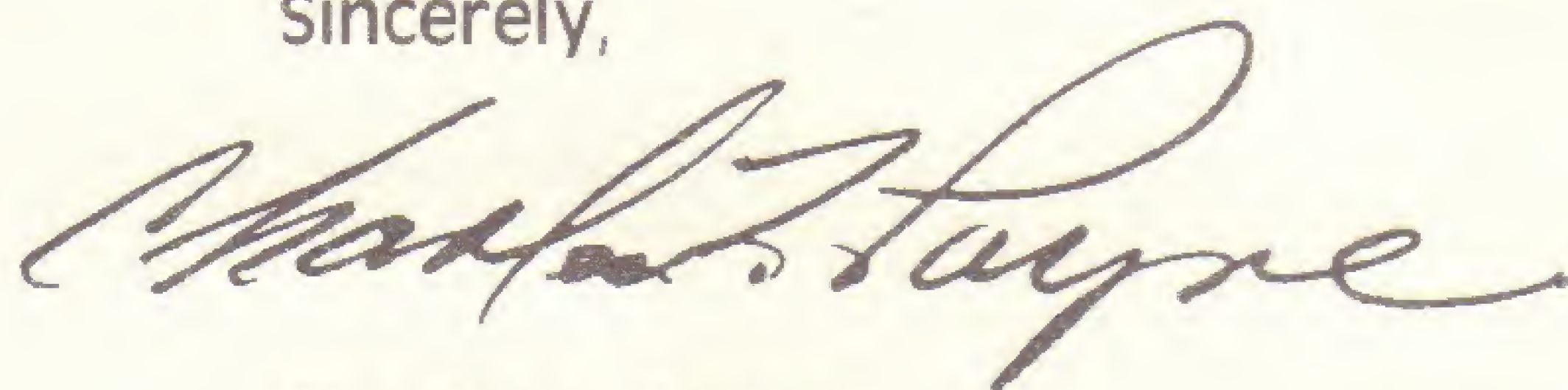
Dear Colleagues:

With budget cuts compounded by projections on proration, 1986-87 makes the last two years look like the "golden years" of professional development. But we must remember two important points. One, budget shortfalls (although usually not as catastrophic as this one) are temporary; we must remain focused on the future. Two, we now have the experience, the expertise, and vision to help create that future.

The Alabama College System has now taken its first few steps not just toward meeting national standards but toward helping to set them. During the last two years, more and more leaders throughout the country have been looking to Alabama for answers and examples. This new national recognition is the result of your commitment to excellence and the standards, significant services, and exemplary projects which gives substance to that commitment. In this unsettling, frustrating year of budget cuts, the one aspect we can control is our attitude. I am confident that you will maintain the vision, the professionalism and the progressive spirit that have earned acclaim for the System.

Bouyed by your belief in being the best, this will be another year of significant progress. I am proud to be a part of the progress in the Alabama College System.

Sincerely,



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